Darkhast lands for Adi-Dravidas in Punkunam, Wandiwash taluk.

856 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: With reference to question No. 350 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 13th November 1922 regarding the darkhast lands for Adi-Dravidas in Punkunam, Wandiwash taluk, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table the result of the Government enquiry?

A.—The Government have nothing to add to the answer to question No. 690 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1923.

Transfer of Deputy Collectors.

857 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any rule regulating the transfer of Deputy Collectors from district to district once in three years;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay the order on the table; and

(c) also, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a list of Deputy Collectors who have been allowed to stay in a place or a district for a period of more than three years?

A.—(a) & (b) There is no such rule.

(c) A list of Deputy Collectors who have been in their present stations or districts for more than three years is appended.*

The results of retrenchment.

858 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state what the total financial gain to the Government is as a result of the efforts of the Retrenchment Secretary?

A.—The total financial gain that will accrue from the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee cannot be arrived at until the Government have passed orders on the Retrenchment Committee's recommendations. So far as next year's budget is concerned, the chief proposal that has been given effect to is the abolition of the Publicity Bureau, with a resultant saving of one lakh of rupees.

The Raja of Ramnad:—"May I know, Sir, when the decision of the Government is likely to be reached, with reference to the proposal made by the Retrenchment Committee?'

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur:—"Sir, the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee are not fully in the hands of the Government as yet."

Grant-in-Aid Code and the Educational Rules.

859 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) when the Grant-in-Aid Code and the Educational Rules now in force were drafted;

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(b) whether the Government are going to revise them to bring them up to date, and, if so, when ;

(c) whether a committee was appointed to consider the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code ; whether it has reported, and, if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the report of the committee on the table ; and

(d) whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the committee and whether they are in a position to state which of them they will accept and which they will not ; and, whether the Government will be pleased to publish the reasons why they could not accept such of the recommendations as they have decided to reject ?

A.—(a) In 1906. Several alterations have been made in the Code and in the Rules since then.

(b) Yes. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked to submit revised drafts for approval.

(c) & (d) An Educational Conference was convened in 1916. The hon. Member is referred to the undermentioned proceedings of Government passing orders on the several recommendations of the Conference. The proposal as regards discretionary grants to aided secondary schools was dropped in view of the special grant of one lakh sanctioned by Government towards the improvement of the pay of teachers in aided secondary schools. The question of the revision of the list of backward classes is still under consideration :—

G.O. No.	112, Home (Education),	dated	25th January	1919.
,,	1042 ,,	,,	1st September	1919.
,,	1486 ,,	,,	11th December	1920.
,,	1346, Law (Education),	,,	19th September	1921.
,,	1471 ,,	,,	6th October	1921.
,,	1164 ,,	,,	3rd October	1922.

A copy each of G.O. No. 1346, Law (Education), dated 19th September 1921 and G.O. No. 1164, Law (Education), dated 3rd October 1922, is now placed on the table.* The other proceedings referred to above have already been placed on the Editors' Table.

Report of the Secondary Education Committee.

860 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the report of the Secondary Education Committee and passed orders thereon ; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the papers on the table ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to take any action on the report ; if so, when ; and whether any legislation is likely to be undertaken in connexion with the same and, if so, when ?

A.—The report of the Education Committee has been placed on the Editors' Table. It is under the consideration of Government and any legislation to be undertaken will depend upon the result of that consideration.

* Vide Appendix C on page 2123 infra.